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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-219—SB 704 (VETOED)

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Planning and Development Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING REEMPLOYMENT AND THE MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

SUMMARY: By law, an employee collecting retirement benefits from the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) must stop collecting the benefits if he or she returns to work for his or her former municipal employer, or any other municipality that participates in MERS, for more than 20 hours per week or 90 days per year. This act allows such an employee to continue to collect MERS benefits as long as he or she does not participate in MERS during the reemployment.

Administered by the state retirement commission, MERS is a statewide pension system for municipal employees that municipalities can opt into by agreeing to meet specified financial requirements. Participating municipalities are not required to enroll all of their employees and can allow some of their employees or unions to participate while others do not. Certain municipal employees, such as teachers and part-time employees, cannot participate in MERS.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

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